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Minutes  
Fenwick Island Environmental Committee  
June 9, 2011

Members Present: Vicki Carmean, Dick Streett, Susan Kline, John Fenton, MaryEllen Langan, Harry Haon, Buzz and Betsy Henifin.

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Minutes of May 12 read and approved

Old Business

The **Geothermal presentation** was discussed. Although only two persons attended, they were very interested in the information presented. The committee might consider another workshop on this subject.

Efforts to make **Seal Island** safe to use by the FI Yacht Club were discussed by Alec Daly. Because the top layer of the island was destroyed by snow geese several years ago, the existing top layer of earth cannot support weight. The FIYC is therefore asking DNREC for a permit to build a cantilevered walkway for purposes of securing boats and supporting people involved with the boat races. Alec stressed that support was needed in the form of letters from the EC and FI council urging DNREC to allow the permit for the boardwalk. Alec hopes for a groundswell of support. Vicki said that she would place this issue on the agenda of the next council meeting. A motion was made and seconded to submit a white paper and letter to council endorsing the building of the boardwalk. The motion was carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **recent beaching of a whale** on the FI beach at James St, and the burial of its remains after the necropsy. DNREC evidently denied any responsibility in disposing of the whale's body and the fact that this event occurred near a holiday weekend did not help. The committee decided to bring the matter of a viable procedure to dispose of dead sea creatures to MERR at its upcoming workshop. Dick has access to more information regarding this problem and will report on it.

**The Solar Energy Workshop** is scheduled to be held at town hall on June 18 at 9 AM.  
It will be presented by CNC Solar.

Harry Haon reported on the **upcoming appeal on DNREC's January decision to allow the building of a marina at the Lighthouse Cove condominiums**. Harry has not yet spoken to the lawyer who is handling the appeal, but will continue try to contact him about how we can best support it. The issue surrounding this appeal appears to be a disagreement on who owns the water where the marina is to go. Dick said that he had a contact from the Lighthouse Cove Mobile Park and he will get more information from him. The EC decided to wait until they obtained further information from Dick and Harry before presenting the subject to council.

Buzz reported on a way to sign up to receive regular information from DNREC. He also listed current **CIB meetings of CAC and the Board of Directors**.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM. The next meeting will be held at the MERR presentation on July 9.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Henifin, Secretary